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Dear Tom:

WE 've had a busy week, and have done lots, as Harvey has probably told you. He left here Tuesday afternoon to catch a plane either that night or early the next morning. All went well - Gordon says due to good Rad.Safe, but POP U also did their bit. The weather actually was the greatest cooperator for all concerned. Old alpha raised its ugly head over here. The planes were contaminated a bit, surface counts as high as 500 c/m/pee wee probe area. However, tests on air contamination during decontamination gave an average exposure level of approximately 5 d/m/cu.m., with a peak lasting only a few minutes of 20 d/m/cu. m. So the unrest was quieted. People going in to 200-300 ft. were coming back with booties reading 200-300 c/m/pppee wee probe. They were wearing full protective clothing anyway, so no fear here.

Ernie Pinson and his crew did the alpha counting on the planes. They were requested to by the decon crews, this was fine with us. We got the results, and knowing Ernie we are sure they are right. Incidentally the man who was lost was one of Ernie's people, his right hand man on this job and a very good friend. Ernie is really feeling the loss.

Thursday was a busy day and the winds cooperated. It was a bit sticky in the middle of the night as to whether or not the winds at 20-30,000ft. would back more to the north, or hold to the east. They held and all was fine.

We're plugging along in good shape. Hope to see you before the summer is over. My notebook came through, thank you very much.

Yours truly,

*Bill*  
William R. Kennedy

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